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The reply brief filed 4/5/01 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal. A supplemental examiner's answer is not permitted unless the application has been remanded by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for such purpose (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.193 (b)(1)).

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